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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP RW US
SUBJECT: RWANDA REFUSES ACCREDIT AIR ATTACHE

REF: KIGALI 494

1. SUMMARY: GOR NOTE DATED AUG 14 DECLINES ACCREDIT COL. ELLIOTT POWERS (AIRATT KINSHASA). NOTE DOES NOT REPEAT VIENNA CONVENTION REASONING CITED NON-ACCREDITATION DEFATT (REFTEL) BUT REITERATES NEED FOR RESIDENCE KIGALI. USG NOW HAS NO MILATTS ACCREDITED GOR. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE REFTEL AUTHORIZING DELIVERY RECOMMENDED EMB NOTE AS AMENDED BELOW. END SUMMARY

2. GOR NOTE: EMB TRANSLATION OPERATIVE PORTION GOR NOTE FOLLOWS: QUOTE ... AND REFERS TO EMB NOTE 193 OF APRIL 22, 1975 REGARDING ASSIGNMENT TO RWANDA OF COL. ELLIOTT POWERS AS US AIR ATTACHE WITH RESIDENCE IN KINSHASA AND HAS HONOR INFORM EMB THAT GOR PREFERS MILATTS BE RESIDENT REGARDLESS OF BRANCH OF SERVICE. IT IS IN THIS SENSE THAT THE DESIGNATION OF THIS MILATT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD...UNQUOTE. COMMENT: GOR NOTE IS NOT DIRECT REFUSAL BUT LEAVES DOOR OPEN ONLY FOR RESIDENT USG MILATT.

3. STATUS: COL. POWERS HAS NOT VISITED RWANDA SINCE EMB NOTIFIED GOR OF HIS ARRIVAL IN APRIL HENCE TACIT RWANDAN APPROVAL HIS STATUS BASED ON PREVIOUS VISIT NOT PLAUSIBLE
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AS IN CASE DEFATT GROW. WITH NON-ACCREDITATION POWERS, USG

NOW TAS NO ACCREDITED MILATTS RWANDA.

4. EMB RESPONSE: SUGGEST AMEND PROPOSED EMB NOTE (AT
PARA 4 (D) REFTEL BY ADDING FOLLOWING FIRST SENTENCE:
IN ADDITION TO THE NOTE UNDER REFERENCE, THE EMB ALSO
WISHES TF REFER TO FONMIN'S NOTE (NO.) DATED AUGUST 14,
1975 REGARDING THE ASSIGNMENT OF COL. ELLIOTT POWERS. THE
EMB UNDERSTANDS GOR DESIRE.... UNQUOTE. COL. POWERS' NAME
WOULD ALSO BE ADDED TO PARA 4E.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: CONCURRENCE/REVISION TO EMB NOTE AS
AMENDED. EMB SHOULD DELIVER NOTE PRIOR 30 SEPT IF WE ARE
TO MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY OUR OFFICIAL DISPLEASURE. FRITTS

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